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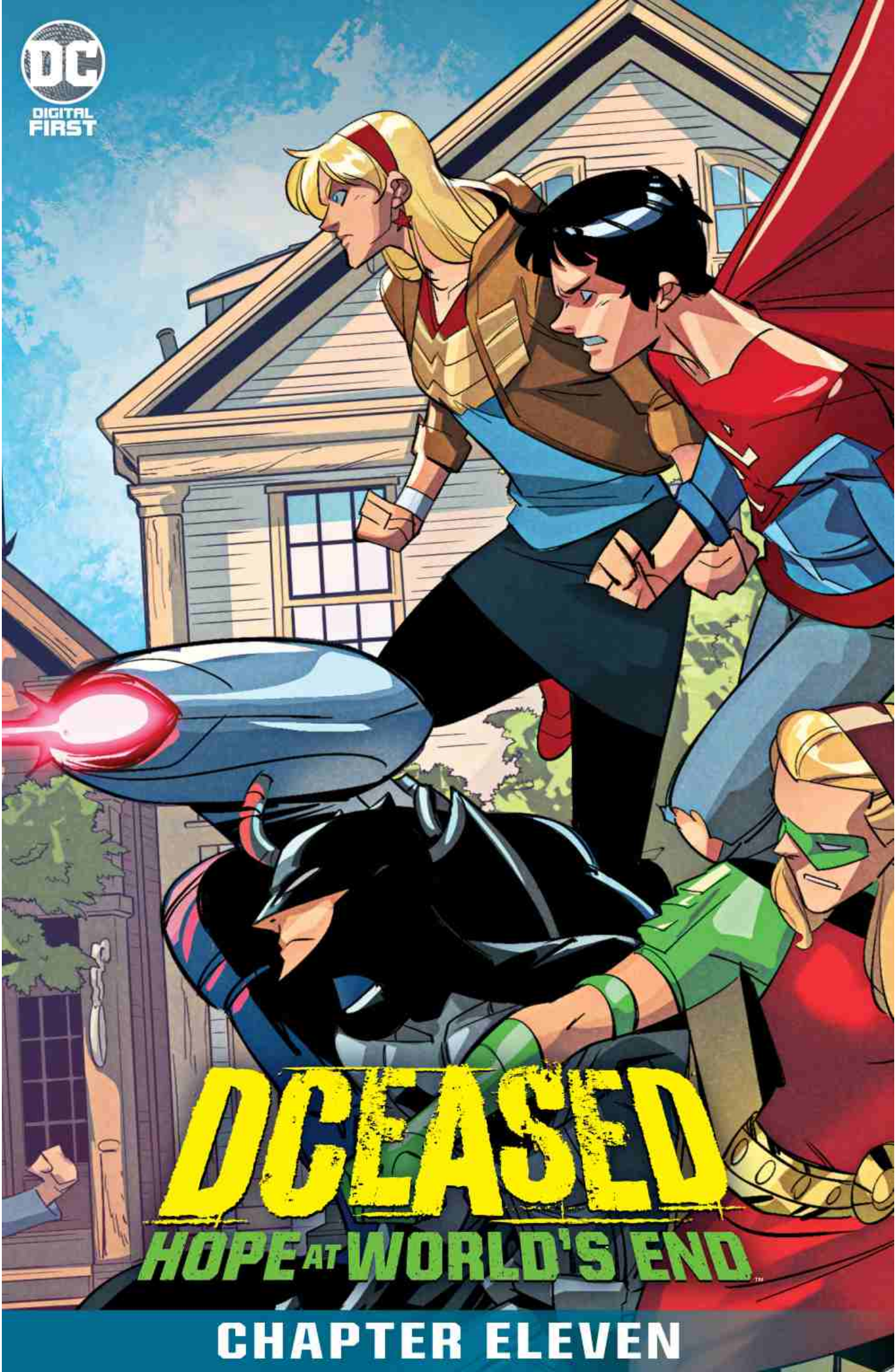
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THERE WERE TWENTY THOUSAND PEOPLE ON NANTUCKET WHEN THE ANTI-LIVING ARMY ATTACKED.
UNLIVING BLACK ADAM AND A MILLION UNDEAD STEPPED OUT OF THE LAND OF NIGHTSHADES...

...AND SEIZED CONTROL OF A GIANT.
HRRR.
THEN, THEY TURNED THEIR ATTENTION TO THE REST OF US.
THE ONLY THING STANDING BETWEEN US AND INSTANT UNLIFE?

SUPERBOY, WONDER GIRL, BLUE BEETLE, BLACK MANTA. BATMAN AND ROBIN. AND TALIA AL GHUL--THE LEADER OF THE LEAGUE OF ASSASSINS.
FZZT!

IGNORE ATOM SMASHER.
THAT'S NOT THAT EASY. HE'S A GIANT.
BLACK ADAM IS THE BIGGEST THREAT. YOU HAVE TO KEEP HIM OFF US.

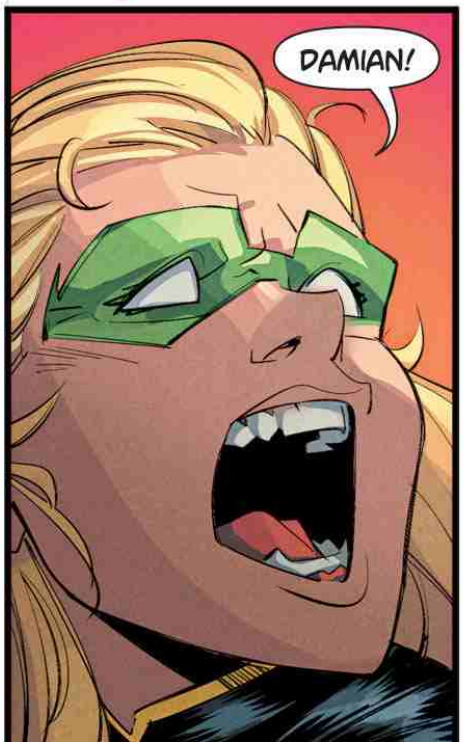
DAMIAN'S RIGHT.
BLUE BEETLE, SUPERBOY. WITH ME.
I HOPE NOT.
JAIME. CAN BLACK ADAM CRACK YOUR ARMOR?
BUT I WANT TO APOLOGIZE IN ADVANCE IF I GET TURNED AND TRY TO KILL YOU.
OH YEAH. SAME.
BOOM

BLACK MANTA. YOU HAVE ONE JOB. KEEP ATOM SMASHER BACK.
EVERYONE, LISTEN. GET TO THE BOATS!

THEY'LL BE SITTING DUCKS IN THE WATER.
IT'S AN ISLAND. IT'S NOT LIKE THERE ARE A LOT OF ESCAPE OPTIONS.
YOUR GIRLFRIEND'S RIGHT, DAMIAN.
SHE'S NOT MY GIRLFRIEND, SHE'S MY SIDEKICK.
LET'S JUST GO WITH FRIEND, SHALL WE?
IT'S TRUE AND HAS THE ADDED BENEFIT OF NOT BEING SHOCKINGLY PATRONIZING.

WE JUST HAVE TO HOPE YOUR FRIENDS ARE STRONG ENOUGH TO KEEP THEM OFF US WHILE WE GET TO THE BOATS.
WE GET TO THE BOATS? I'M NOT RUNNING AWAY.
OF COURSE YOU ARE. DON'T BE STUPID.

I'M PROTECTING THE PEOPLE.
I'M COVERING THEIR ESCAPE!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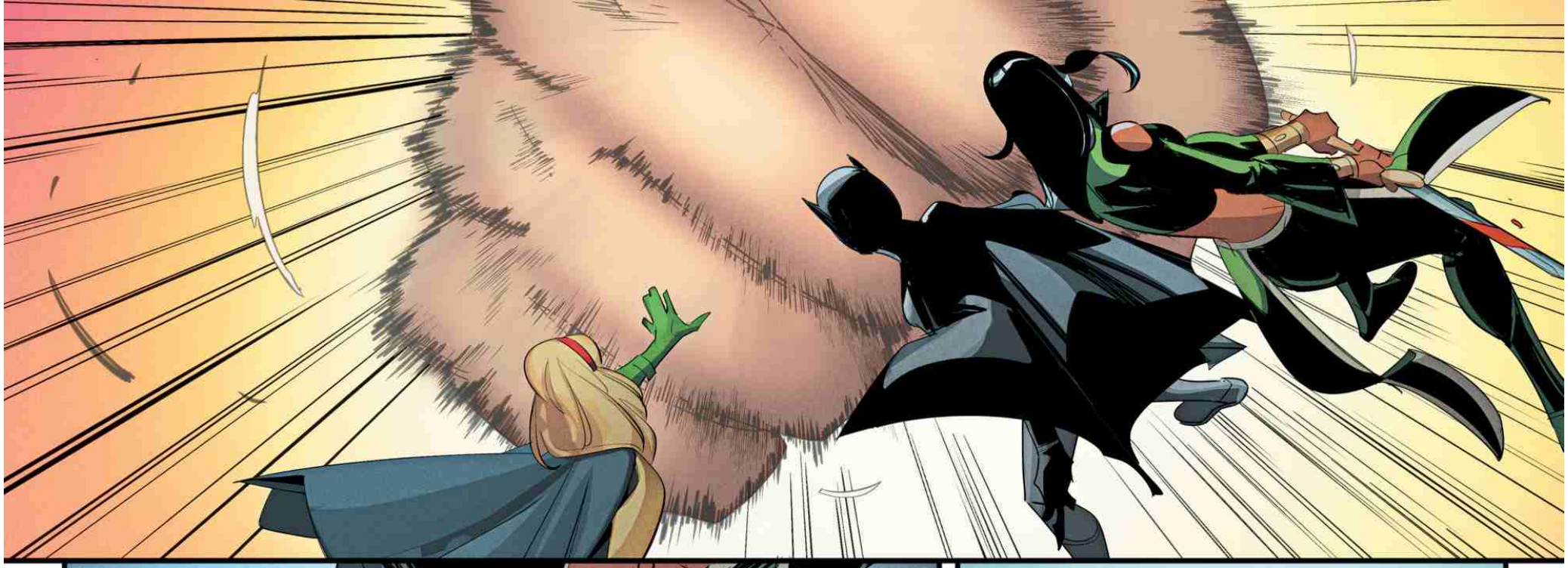
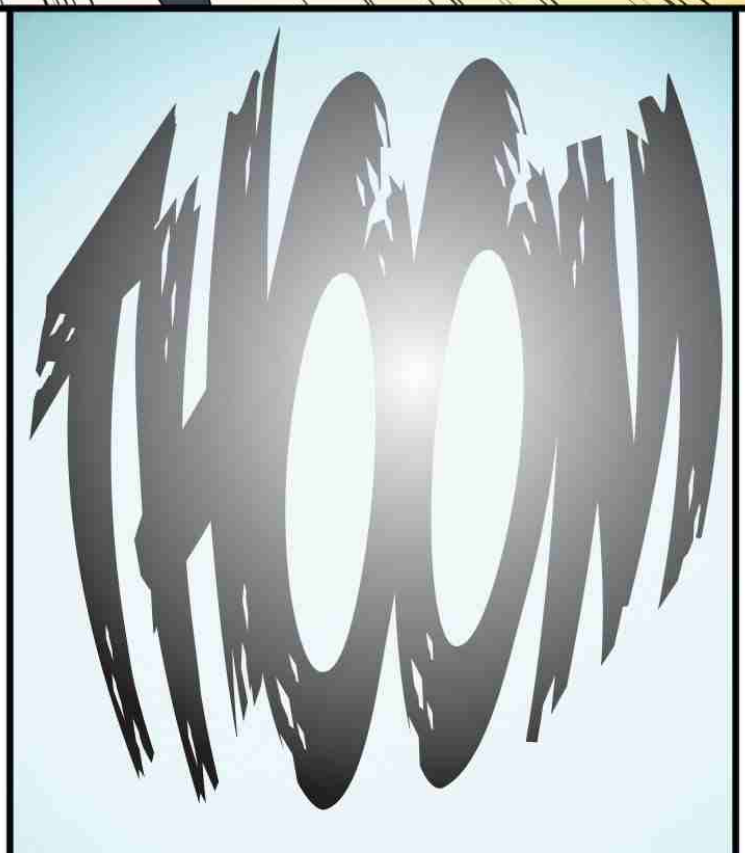


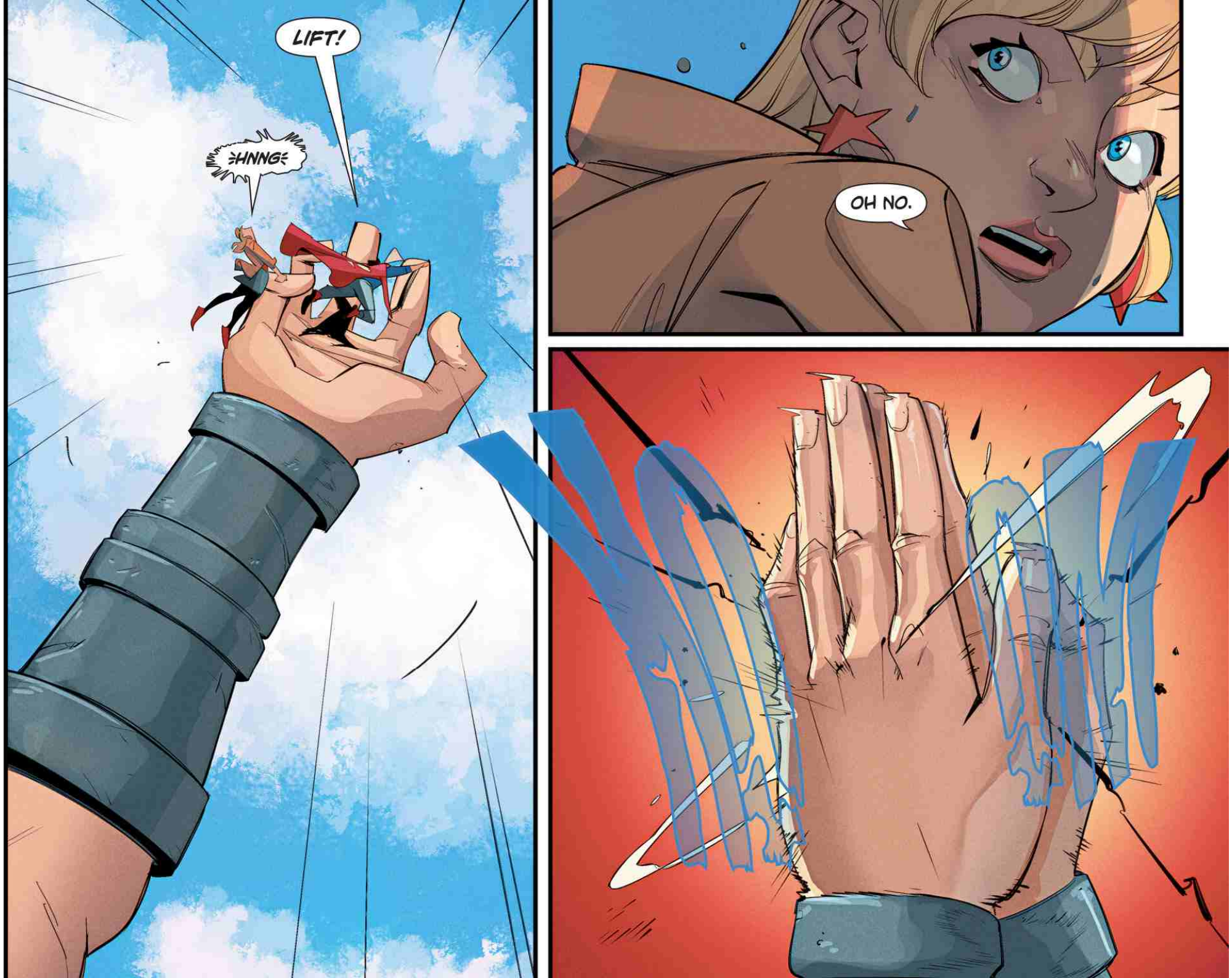
MOVE!


THOOM

≠HNNNG≠

YOU--? DID YOU JUST TRY TO SAVE US FROM A GIANT?
YEAH. A LITTLE FUTILE, I KNOW.

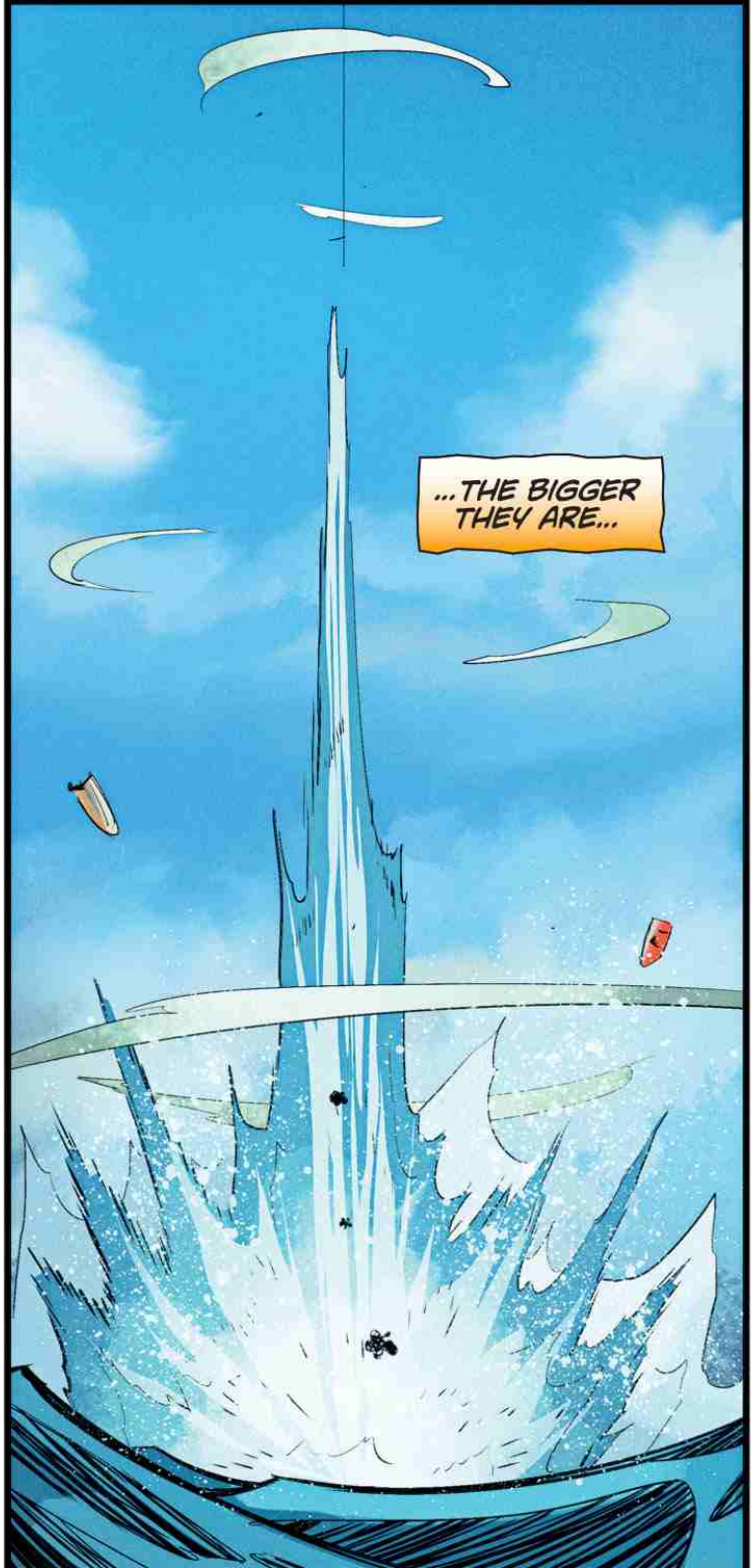
STILL, IT'S THE THOUGHT THAT COUNTS. I CLEARLY NEED TO REASSESS WHAT I THOUGHT OF YOU.
THANKS.
WAIT...
...WHAT DID YOU THINK OF ME?


LIFT!
HNNG
OH NO.

KEEP FLYING!

NOW!

IT'S LIKE THE OLD SAYING GOES...


...THE BIGGER THEY ARE...

...THE LARGER THE WAVE THEY CREATE WHEN THEY'RE DROPPED IN THE OCEAN.
OH, COME ON.
THE WAVE TOOK OUT THE LIVING AND ANTI-LIVING ALIKE.

AND BLACK ADAM STRUCK IN THAT MOMENT OF CHAOS.
HNF!
THE SKY ERUPTED WITH ELECTRICITY.
I SAW THE END COMING FOR US. THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE. KNEE-DEEP WATER. ELECTRICITY STRIKING.
KRAAAAA
THEN...

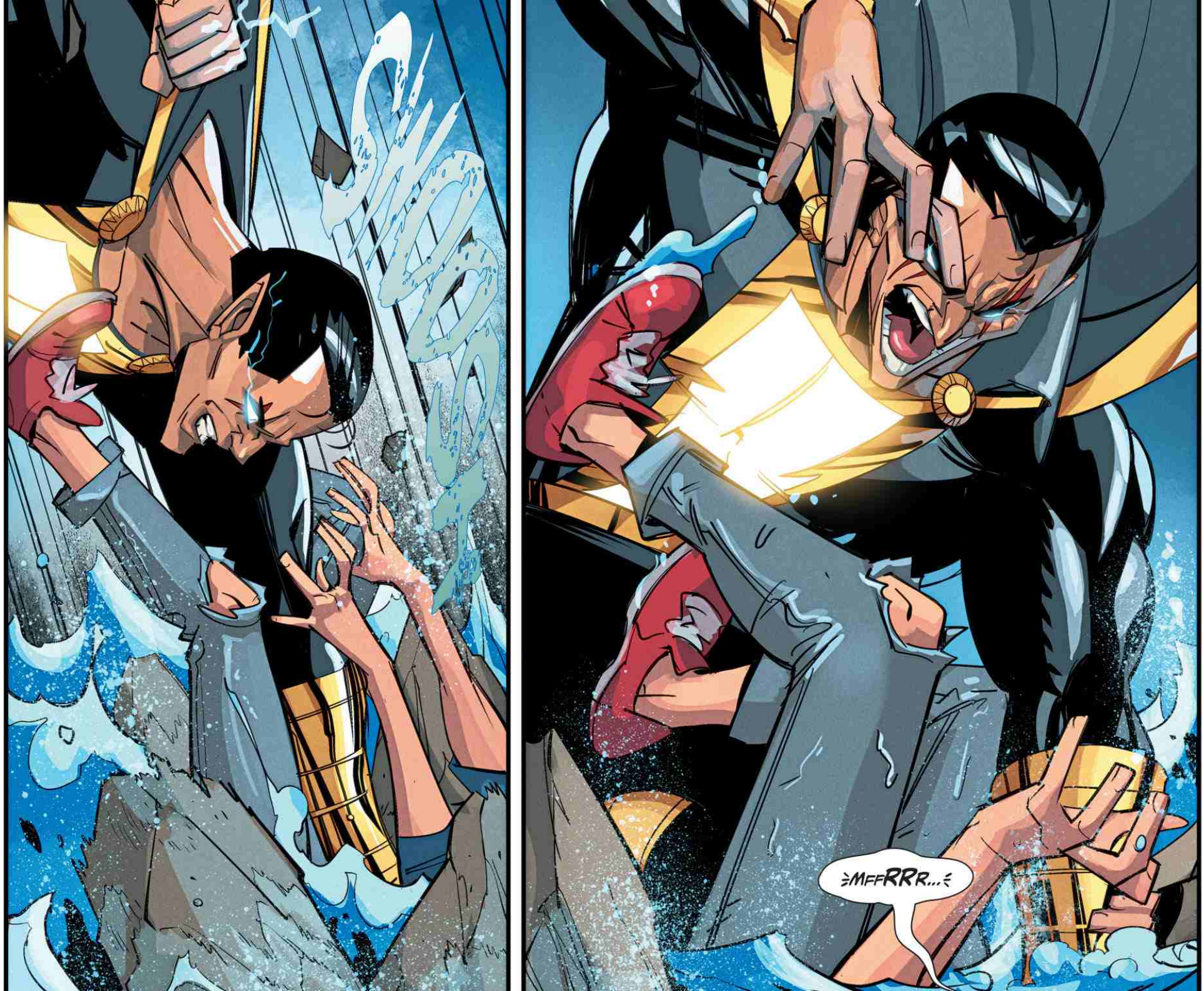
...I SAW A BOY CATCH LIGHTNING.
AAAAH!

IT WAS THE LAST THING I'D EVER SEE WITH TWO EYES.

YOU OKAY?
IT DIDN'T TICKLE.

OH NO.

JIMMY!
LOOK OUT.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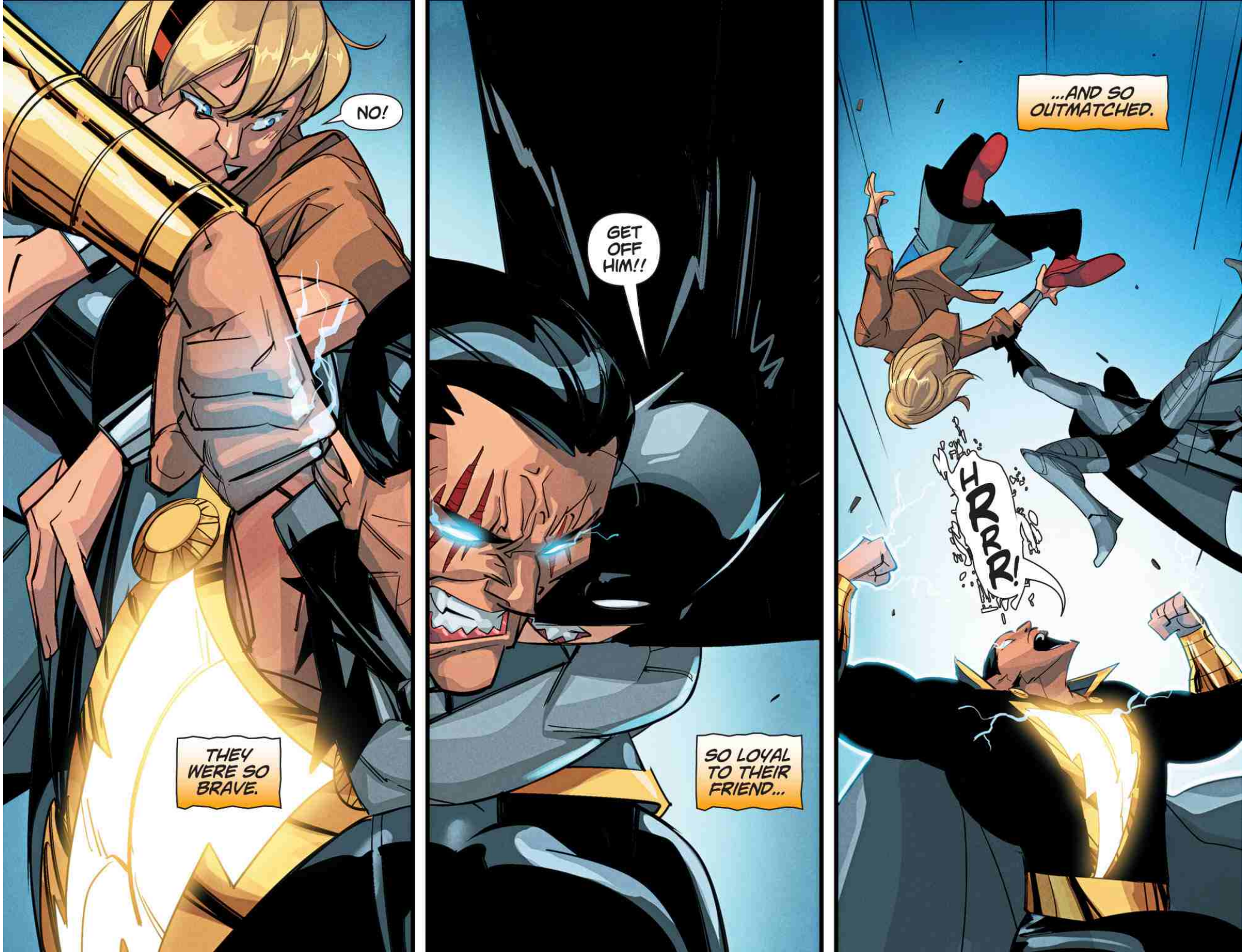
MFFRRR...


NO!
THEY WERE SO BRAVE.
GET OFF HIM!!
SO LOYAL TO THEIR FRIEND...
...AND SO OUTMATCHED.
HRRR!

WITH HIS LAST BREATH, JON SCREAMED FOR HIS FATHER.
DAD!

AND HALF A WORLD AWAY, CLARK HEARD HIS SON CRY OUT.
DAD!

AND SUPERMAN APPEARED FAR FASTER THAN A SPEEDING BULLET, FAR MORE POWERFUL THAN A LOCOMOTIVE...
THOOM
...AND VERY, VERY PROTECTIVE.
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